

Have you ever been in a strange city when the skies begin to look threatening? You would really like to know if there are any warnings in the area. With XM Radio, you simply reach

over and push one of the pre-set buttons on your XM radio. However, without this option on

XM you must fiddle with a traditional FM radio and hope you can find a station that gives

weather and news reports. This takes concentration away from driving when you need it most;

in traffic and inclement weather. At 70 feet long and pulling 80,000 lbs, you need to

concentrate on ever changing city traffic and not a radio.

Truckers use to rely on Citizens Band radios for information on changing traffic and weather

patterns in cities. However, since the FCC does not have the manpower to police these

airwaves they have become corrupt. Many truckers not wanting to hear the

commercials(prostitutes), or vulgar language as they drive through metropolitan areas keep

these turned off or have them completely removed them from their trucks.

I understand the concerns of local advertisers in losing potential business. However, the

majority of those listening to XM for weather and news is truckers. The ones in those 70

foot, 80,000 pound vehicles that get in everyone's way and tear up parking lots.